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County Minimum Wage Expected to Pass

It looks like the Los Angeles County minimum wage hike is likely to pass Tuesday, now that Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, who failed to back the plan last month, has changed her mind, the [Los Angeles Times](#) reports. Solis says she will support a gradual increase to \$15 an hour after her concerns were addressed following a study of small businesses in unincorporated areas.

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Make Way for Style and Beauty

Los Angeles Times readers will get a bigger dose of high fashion news after parent company Tribune Co. struck a content deal with Penske Media Corp.'s Women's Wear Daily. Stories from the rag trade rag will start appearing in September, the [Times](#) reports. The deal extends WWD's readership beyond its New York base.

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Summer Downpour Breaks Records

A rare summer rain storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning over the weekend, set records for the most rainfall in July and closed beaches and caused power outages, the [Los Angeles Times](#) reports. There were also mudslide threats in Moreno Valley, but the rain is expected to subside by Tuesday.

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Time for an Apology

After sending out letters to some residents accusing them of over-watering in the wake of an ordinance restricting watering to Tuesdays and Saturdays, Burbank officials are now apologizing to several hundred recipients they determined weren't guilty of any violations, the [Los Angeles Times](#) reports.

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Whirlybird Deal

Defense contractor Lockheed Martin said it had a deal to buy Black Hawk and presidential helicopter maker Sikorsky Aircraft for \$9 billion, the [Associated Press](#) reports. Hartford's United Technologies Corp. owns Sikorsky and wants to use money from the sale for additional stock buybacks.

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History Made at Last



After being closed for more than 50 years, the United States Embassy in Cuba quietly reopened Monday as full diplomatic ties between both countries are now restored, the [New York Times](#) reports. An official celebration is expected to take place later this summer when Secretary of State John Kerry plans to visit.

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Box Office: 'Ant-Man' Dominates, Beating 'Minions'

Disney's "Ant-Man," dominated the box office this weekend, bringing in \$58 million while Universal Pictures' animated "Minions" slipped to the No. 2 spot, generating \$50.2 million. Another Universal Pictures film, "Trainwreck," made its debut at third place, grossing \$30.2 million, the [Los Angeles Times](#) reports.

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Stocks Up

The Dow Jones Industrial average was up one point in early trading Monday to 18,088. The S&P 500 was flat at 2,127. The Nasdaq was up ten points to 5,220. The LABJ Stock Index was flat at 240.

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